

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Adopted and Filed

Rule making related to wild turkey hunting

The Natural Resource Commission (Commission) hereby amends Chapter 98, “Wild Turkey Spring Hunting,” and Chapter 99, “Wild Turkey Fall Hunting,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rule Making

This rule making is adopted under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6), 481A.38, 481A.39 and 481A.48(1).

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rule making implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 481A.48(1).

Purpose and Summary

Chapter 98 regulates spring wild turkey hunting for both residents and nonresidents, and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation tag requirements. This rule making aligns the start date of the archery-only season with the start date of the combination shotgun-or-archery season. Hunters expect these dates to be the same, and as the rules are currently written, the dates could be different depending on how calendar dates fall.

Chapter 99 regulates fall wild turkey hunting for residents, and includes season dates, bag limits, possession limits, shooting hours, areas open to hunting, licensing procedures, means and methods of take, and transportation tag requirements. This rule making raises the combination shotgun-or-archery quota for Zone 8 from 150 to 200. This increase has been evaluated by the State Forest Wildlife Biologist and local Management Biologist and determined to be biologically responsible at this time. Moreover, statewide participation in fall turkey hunting is declining, so it is anticipated that the modest quota increase in Zone 8 will, at best, balance out reduced participation elsewhere.

Public Comment and Changes to Rule Making

Notice of Intended Action for this rule making was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 6, 2020, as **ARC 5034C**. A public hearing was held on May 26, 2020, at 1 p.m. via video/conference call. No one attended the public hearing. No public comments were received. No changes from the Notice have been made.

Adoption of Rule Making

This rule making was adopted by the Commission on June 11, 2020.

Fiscal Impact

This rule making has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa. A copy of the fiscal impact statement is available from the Department of Natural Resources (Department) upon request.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found. A copy of the jobs impact statement is available from the Department upon request.

Waivers

This rule is subject to the waiver provisions of 571—Chapter 11. Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rule making would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rule making by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rule making at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

Effective Date

This rule making will become effective on August 5, 2020.

The following rule-making actions are adopted:

ITEM 1. Amend paragraph **98.2(4)“b”** as follows:

b. Archery-only licenses. The season shall be 35 days beginning on the second Monday ~~closest to~~ of April ~~15~~.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **99.5(1)“e”** as follows:

e. Zone 8. ~~150~~ 200

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